

In the Father's House

«As we have been united
in the profession of the faith,
so let us keep ourselves united
in suffrage and intercession».
(Fr Alberione)



At 12.30 am (local time) on Tuesday 28 May 2024, he died in the Vizconde community of Madrid (Spain)

FATHER EZEQUIEL MIGUEL VARONA VALDIVIELSO **90 years, 77 of Pauline life, 70 of profession and 64 of priesthood**

Father Ezequiel was born in Revenga de Muñoz (Burgos) on 10 April 1934, an only child, to parents Anastasio and Elisea Valdivielso. He entered the community of Deusto (Bilbao) on 12 September 1946, began the Novitiate on 7 September 1952 in Zalla (Vizcaya) and made his First Religious Profession on 8 September 1953, taking the name Miguel. He completed his philosophical studies in the community of Zalla and then left for Rome to complete his theological studies at the International Theological College. He made his Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1958 and was ordained a priest on 5 July 1959.

After his ordination he completed the pastoral year in Rome and returned to Spain where, until 1964, he was involved in the office of the Pauline Cooperators in the community of Zalla (Vizcaya). In 1964 he was transferred to the community of Coslada (Madrid) to carry out his apostolate as an art teacher at the Apostolic College that the Province had in this City of Madrid. Subsequently, from 1969 to 1976, he worked as a translator, at the same time carrying out the role of Provincial Councilor until 1973. In 1976 he was in the community of Madrid, with the role of Director of the magazine *Familia Cristiana*.

In the community of Protasio Gómez (Madrid) from 1984 until 2001 he worked as a translator from the Italian language for the publishing house. He was subsequently appointed Editorial Director. In 2003 he received the role of General Director of the Apostolate, until 2005, when he returned to work as a translator for the publishing house. In 2022, due to his advanced age, he was transferred to the community of Vizconde de los Asilos (Madrid), where he continued to collaborate with StPauls Editorial until the end of his days. In recent months his health has worsened and in recent days has forced him to remain in bed, first in the hospital and then in the infirmary of the community of Vizconde de los Asilos (Madrid).

Father Ezequiel has always proven himself to be an exceptional man in the field of study, in a very particular way he dealt with literature, language, ancient and contemporary art, disciplines of which he was a competent teacher in the respective schools of the Society of Saint Paul. He mastered Spanish, his native language, and translated perfectly from Italian, French and Portuguese. Don Ezequiel was a man of great culture and knowledge, which he always put at the service of the Congregation and the Pauline Family.

Father Ezequiel was a person with an energetic character and at the same time endowed with profound convictions and human and Christian values. He was a good example of a Pauline, committed to the apostolic and spiritual life, particularly critical of mediocrity in human, Christian and religious formation.

May the Lord welcome Father Ezequiel into his merciful bosom and give him the immense joy of participating in his glorious life, while we ask him to intercede in favour of vocations for the Society of Saint Paul, the Pauline Family and the universal Church.

Rome, 28 May 2024

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be held tomorrow, May 29, at 10.00 am, in the community chapel of Protasio Gómez. Burial will take place in Las Rozas cemetery (Madrid).

The Superiors of Circumscriptions are to inform their communities of the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).